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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to the report (M. Muhlberg et al., Journal of Crystal Growth, Vol. 128, (1993) pp 571-575), when a deviation between a temperature at which a supercooled liquid is solidified and the melting point of the supercooled liquid is defined as a degree of supercooling, the degree of supercooling is correlated with a holding temperature of the melt. In the concrete, it is reported that the degree of supercooling becomes low when a difference between a temperature at which the raw material is held